(b) if so, .request submitted and granted for receiving hospitality/ honorarium year-wise and category-wise for the last three years; and

(c) the place of visit, source and amount of honorarium, source of hospitality and amount received as hospitality for which clearance was sought year-wise and category-wise for last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Joint STF for tackling naxal menace**

1636. SHRIMATI S.G INDIRA:

SHRI DATTAMEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that left wing rebels give the police a slip by crossing from one State to another after committing a violence act;

(b) if so, whether Union Government propose to set up joint special task forces among States affected by left wing extremism to overcome the problem of State boundaries interfering with anti-naxalite operations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the naxal-affected States have agreed on joint policing to tackle the menace; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and under whose command the joint special task force shall operate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The Central Government has constituted a Task Force on naxalism in the Ministry of Home Affairs in October, 2004 which reviews the anti-naxalite operations being undertaken by the naxal affected States including those across the State boundaries. The Task Force in its 2nd meeting held on 10.1.2005 at Raipur, Chhattisgarh took note of naxal groups crossing State boundries to give a slip to the police and *inter-alia,* asked the affected States to explore the feasibility of setting up of Joint Special Task Forces among themselves. The Ministry has decided to regularly review further action in this regard.